

COMMENTS REGARDING PETITION RM-10521

Use of radio frequency spectrum is, clearly, going to be an on-going debate among “users” and “potential users.” However, RM-10521 goes over and above this normal field of debate to now include those who would promote “international goodwill,” and those who would not.

Dr. Michael Trahos (petitioner) even goes as far as saying those who would oppose his idea would find their objections “misplaced,” and their objections would be contrary to “international public interest or good will.”

Furthermore, the petitioner supposes FCC prohibition of PMR 446 radios would be “unenforceable,” and therefore should be allowed. And then to suggest that 500 mw radios would have minimal impact on existing operations shows the petitioner is ignoring millions of users in the 70 cm band that use licensed radios with less than 500 mw.

I am surprised the petitioner is a physician, after reading his petition, as all his arguments are illogical. I question his motives. My motive, as a licensed amateur radio operator, is to protect precious radio resources that are dwindling as of this writing.

I strongly object to the petition for the following reasons:

1. Harmful interference to simplex and repeater channels in a current license-only band WILL OCCUR!
2. FCC endorsement of illegal activity because someone thinks such activity cannot be prevented is absurd. This type of thinking would open the floodgates to illegal operators who would now find their operations to be beneficial. The reasoning would be that mass illegal usage of licensed frequencies would force the commission to allow it.
3. Many other methods of communication are available to visitors to our country. With the widespread availability of cellular telephones, FRS and citizen's band radios, an additional accommodation would only be a disservice to the amateur radio community and would dilute precious protections to existing spectrum.

I respectfully ask the Commission to deny petition RM-10521 based on its total lack of merit.

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